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FOR SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, OVIP, AF

SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA: SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

FOR LADIES

REF: ( A ) STATE 054135; ( B ) KABUL 2098

1. PROGRAM IN KABUL FOR MRS. RUSH AND MRS. SISCO CAN BE AS ACTIVE OR AS LEISURELY AS THEY DESIRE. NO ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY PROTOCOL FOR A VISIT OF THIS NATURE. ( LADIES OF ROYAL FAMILY NOT INVOLVED SINCE KING IS NOT OFFICIAL HOST; PRIMIN HAS NO OFFICIAL HOSTESS; NO DEPRIMIN APPOINTED.) FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, AS RELATED TO PROPOSED MENS' PROGRAM ( REF B).

2. LADIES COULD IF THEY WISH ACCOMPANY PARTY TO PALACE AT 1145 IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL TO BE INTRODUCED TO HM KING ZAHIR, THEN DEPART WITH MRS. NEUMANN FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES.

3. AFTER DEPARTING PALACE ( APPROXIMATELY 1200 NOON), DRIVING TOUR OF CITY AND ENVIRONS, PROCEEDING TO PAGHMAN ( FORMER SUMMER CAPITAL IN FOOTHILLS OF MOUNTAINS ABOUT 30 MINUTES WEST OF CITY) TO SEE SOMETHING OF AFGHAN COUNTRYSIDE, STOPPING FOR LUNCHEON AT RESTAURANT OVERLOOKING KARGHA LAKE ON RETURN ROUTE. MRS. NEUMANN CAN INVITE THREE OR FOUR LEADING AFGHAN

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WOMEN WHO ARE ACTIVE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO JOIN THE GROUP FOR LUNCHEON, ALONG WITH TWO OR THREE SENIOR EMBASSY WIVES. RETURN TO CITY BY 1500, OR EARLIER IF CALL AT PALACE OMITTED.

4. REMAINDER OF TIME CAN BE USED FOR ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING:

- A. RELAXATION AT RESIDENCE;
- B. SHOPPING (SEE REF B);
- C. INFORMAL MEETING WITH WIVES OF COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS AT RESIDENCE.

5. DAYTIME WEATHER SHOULD BE MILD AND AGREEABLE, THOUGH SHOWERS ARE POSSIBLE. TEMPERATURES IN 60' S OR 70' S. SPRING-WEIGHT SUIT SUITABLE FOR WASHINGTON WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PALACE CALL.  
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